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No. 58, HONGKONG HOTEL,  
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1893. [729]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION; TODAY,

(WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1893) at Noon,

Within the premises No. 13, Praya Central 19 Cases D. & C. McLEAREN'S OLD SCOTCH WHISKY (Red Label) THE CLOTHES TO-MORROW (Thursday), 24th instant.

Cash on delivery.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1893. [721]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION ON

FRIDAY, the 25th March, 1893,

at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

RED PLUSH DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, TEAK OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED MIRROR, TEA AND OCCASIONAL TABLES, WHITE LACE CURTAINS, &c.

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A few SECOND-HAND BICYCLES.

Also,

A SMALL QUANTITY OF CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE.

Catalogues will be issued.

On view from THURSDAY, 24th March, 1893.

TERMS—As Customer.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1893. [722]

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**PUBLIC AUCTION,**

at their Sales Rooms,

MONDAY, the 29th March next, 1893,

Commencing at 2.30 P.M.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE BLUE FURNISHINGS,

Comprising—

WHITE COTTON and HUCK TOWELS, (large and small sizes), WOOD COAL-BOTTLES, BUSI-PANS, CANISTER-SHIPS, CLOTHES-CUPBOARDS, MUSLIN CURTAINS, WIGAN SHEETS, TAPESTRY, TABLE COVERS, FENDEES, FIRE IRONS, E. P. TEA SETS, CUTLERY, NAPERY, CARPETS, PILLOW CASES, MOSQUITO NETTING, BEDSTEADS, WIRE MATTRESSES, BEDROOM CROCKERY, &c., &c.

All new and recently imported from home.

On view from SATURDAY, 26th inst.

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at the residence of A. Ross, Esq.,

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WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, 1893,

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Also,

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INVALID'S CARING CHAIR,

Chinkeeese Mirror, prior to Sale.

On view from MONDAY, 28th March.

TERMS—As customary.

**PAUL BREWITT,**

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1893. [725]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

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Captain Lytton, will be despatched TO-DAY.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**

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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1893. [718]

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LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN."

Captain Barbara, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1893. [726]

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1893. [69]

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1898. [24]

## The Daily Press.

Hongkong, March 23rd, 1898.

This news contained in Reuter's message elsewhere published is important. It would seem that the Chinese Government are reluctant to part with their great arsenal Port Arthur, and as a compromise with the Muscovite demands they have offered to lease Talienshan to Russia and to allow the railway through Manchuria, provided that Port Arthur remains Chinese. This, we imagine, will hardly suit Russia unless accompanied by the stipulation that Port Arthur shall not be fortified. Such a condition would, of course, destroy the importance of the port, and would therefore be unacceptable to the Chinese. Probably a further compromise will be suggested, but in the end Russia will get her way. The Tsing-ti Yamen are too weak to long resist the pressure of Russia, even if stiffened somewhat by Japan. Mentioning the preparations for blocking up her demands by force are going on by Russia. More men-of-war and more troops are being hurried out from Europe, and even now Russia is in a position to march a large army from Siberia into China. Neither the representations nor the wishes of China will avail to restrain the advance of these legions, and unless outside influence is brought to bear the Russian Minister at Peking will be sure to gain his way in the long run. Russia has apparently secured the neutrality of Great Britain by giving an assurance that any ports she may acquire shall be open to trade. Whether this pledge will prove inviolable or whether it is intended as a temporary sop to Cophorus we are unable to say; probably the latter. But like some other Muscovite pledges, it would no doubt serve its purpose.

The statement concerning French schemes in China is more interesting and perhaps more important. M. HANOTAUX is said to be negotiating with the Chinese Minister in Paris for the following points:—

1.—That China shall not cede any portion of the four provinces in the southern portion of the Empire, to wit: Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yunnan, or Kweichow.

2.—That the railway from Lungchow shall be extended into the province of Yunnan.

3.—That a coal station shall be granted to France at Liuchow.

This is a pretty wide programme, and it is clear that the French Foreign Minister has completely divested himself of any shred of political modesty or bashfulness that may once have clung to him. He is not content with the preservation of the status quo, although quite recently—about

the latter end of last month—he informed Sir EDWARD MONSON that France had not the slightest intention of imitating Germany by seizing a naval base in China. France now demands a coal station at Liuchow. It would seem that at the very time that statement was made French men-of-war were surveying the coast near Hainan and Pulehoi, and had discovered a suitable place for the coveted naval base. Kwongchau Bay is admirably adapted for such a purpose, but as it is close to Tonkin, it cannot be required except for ulterior aggressive purposes. Its possession would be the preliminary step towards the acquisition of the whole of the Liuchau peninsula, in order to control the trade of the West River, and this is foreshadowed by the stipulation. M. HANOTAUX is endeavouring to bring from China that no portion of the four southern provinces shall be ceded to any Power—presumably other than himself. For the other factor, the prolongation of the railway from Lungchow into Yunnan, the French Government have no much right to negotiate as we had to obtain the right to continue the Burma railway into Yunnan. We have no objection to fair competition, but we shall certainly oppose the cession of exclusive rights to another Power, especially when that Power adopts the selfish and silly policy of closing every port by means of hostile tariffs. If France endeavours to insist upon the cession of a great strategic port in Kwangtung to herself and makes a further condition that no other Power is to have a similar concession, Great Britain will be obliged to oppose such a condition in its entirety. On the other hand the British Government would not be averse to a convention guaranteeing the integrity of the whole of South and Central China. That would be only consistent with our policy as recently declared by Lord SALISBURY.

The impossibility, however, of maintaining an unselfish and non-aggressive policy grows daily more difficult. So many demands are being made by various Powers, and so many new developments are taking place, that a most watchful attitude will be necessary. France has been the last to speak of those who were suspected to mediate designs on the integrity of China, and she has, after disclaiming such intentions, opened her mouth widest of them all. And in order to enforce her demands she is sending out a considerable naval force to reinforce her squadron in these waters. The cruiser *Duguay Trouin* has arrived at Manila en route, and the *Leviathan*, *Paris*, *Jean Bart*, and others are within a short steaming distance of China. On their arrival we may expect further developments. Russia and France are evidently prepared to act together, and they intend to have a full set off to the German acquisition of Kiaochow. The British Government have no objection, or have waived it, to the Russian lease of Port Arthur, but they will most assuredly have something to say to the demands of France in the South. In seeking to prevent any foreign acquisitions in the four southern provinces, France has given England the cue. The integrity of that territory should be maintained, and England may perhaps not be unwilling to assist China to repel aggression.

H. M. S. *Rainbow* arrived yesterday from Nagasaki.

Mr. W. S. Givens, an artist who is at present staying at the Hongkong Hotel, advertises that he is prepared to undertake portraiture work in crayons.

We understand a Ball in honour of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Prussia will be held at the City Hall on the 29th March. Sir John Carrington has consented to act as chairman and a representative Committee is now being formed.

Referring to the strengthening of the forces of Hongkong, the *Strata Times* says that "unhappily it involves acquiring some little additional Chinese territory. It is perhaps unavoidable that British journalists should shriek whenever both Russia and Germany make some little territorial arrangements with China."

Vice-Admiral Seymour made an inspection at the Naval Yard yesterday morning. While he was there a fire muster was ordered, and seeing the engines out an Indian gave the alarm to No. 2 Station. The firemen were soon brought on to the scene, and were considerably disengaged on finding that the alarm was a false one.

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